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Chief Serpas to Attend Dedication

Friends and family of 19-year-old Courtnie Ann Kendall will dedicate a roadside DUI memorial sign Thursday, June 26, to the young woman who was killed November 17, 2000, by a drunk driver.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at 117th Street East and Canyon Road, the site of the fatal crash. Washington State Patrol Chief Ronal Serpas and Wendy Kendall, Courtnie's mother, will participate. The public is welcome to attend.

Kendall, a Graham resident, was driving a friend home when her car was hit by an on-coming car that crossed into her lane. The impaired driver, who was on probation for a prior DUI, was convicted and sentenced to six and a half years in prison.

The blue memorial sign will read "Please Don't Drink and Drive" and "In Memory of Courtnie Ann Kendall." The sign project is funded by money collected from DUI offenders who attend the Tacoma/Pierce County DUI Victim Information Panel. More than 25 DUI memorial signs have been placed in Pierce County.

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